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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Not yet.

" (c) Yes. The State Government's recommendations in this regard have been sent to the Government of India and as the matter is treated as secret it is regretted that particulars cannot be given."

Offices of the Andhra State located in Madras City.

* 931 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the offices of Heads of Departments of the Andhra State which continue to be located in Madras City; and

(b) whether the Government have ascertained from the Andhra Government when they are likely to be shifted to the Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) All offices of the Heads of departments of the Andhra State except those of the Inspector-General of Police and Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department are still located in Madras City.

" (b) These Andhra offices in Madras City are located in private rented buildings, and they will be shifted to the Andhra area as and when the Government of Andhra are able to make suitable arrangements for locating these offices in the Andhra State. This is the arrangement agreed to at the time of the partition."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" மீதம் இருக்கக்கூடிய காரியாலயங்கள் ஆந்திரப் பிரதேசத்தில் முடிவாகப் போவதற்கு இன்னும் எவ்வளவு காலமாகும் என்பது பற்றி ஆந்திர சர்க்கார் ஏதாவது உறுதி மொழி கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. As soon as buildings are available in the Andhra State, I am sure they will shift. They are also interested in shifting their offices as early as possible."

Maintenance of the Sholatiram-Srimushnam road.

* 932 Q.—SRI S. SWAMIKANNU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Sholatiram-Srimushnam road is maintained by the Highways department or by the district board;

(b) the amount spent annually for its maintenance; and

(c) whether any special repairs were carried out to this road during the current year and if so, at what cost?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The road is maintained by the South Arcot District Board.

" (b) The average annual expenditure for the last four years is roughly Rs. 8,000.

" (c) No, Sir."

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SRI S. SWAMIKANNU :—" ரோடுகளுக்கு கருங்கல் சல்லி போட சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" இது பற்றி டிஸ்டிரிக்ட் போர்ட் மூலமாக அந்த proposal-ஐ அனுப்பும்படி கேட்கிறேன்."

Amount due to the Government from the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Pappinisseri, North Malabar.

* 933 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any and if so, what amount is due to the Government from the management of Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, North Malabar, towards the bill for the supply of electricity to the mills?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Supply of electricity to the Aaron Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Pappinisseri, North Malabar, is made by the electric licensee for the area, viz., the Cannanore-Tellicherry Electric Licensee, and, therefore, the question of any amount being due to the Government for supply of power to the mills does not arise."

Teacher-pupil ratio in elementary schools.

* 934 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri T. Ananta Pai is not in his place. So, the answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders increasing the teacher-pupil ratio in elementary schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government have accepted the recommendations of the Parulekar Committee that, in the schools run by local bodies, the teacher-pupil ratio should be increased from 35 pupils on rolls per teacher to 60 pupils on rolls for both the sessions by June 1954, and that in the case of aided schools the present standard of 20 attending pupils per teacher should be raised to 30 by June 1954, 40 by June 1955 and 50 by June 1956. The Director of Public Instruction has brought the increased ratios to the notice of the local bodies and private managements. But this will not, however, affect in any way the assurance given by the Government that there will be no retrenchment of teachers as a result of the Modified Scheme, as the Government have definite plans for absorbing the teachers rendered surplus to requirements, by the application of the increased teacher-pupil ratio.

" 2. Further no action will be taken in regard to this ratio, pending the present Government's decision regarding the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education introduced by the previous Ministry."